

# Recurring sinkhole causing concern in Gasing Indah

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A RECURRING hole in Jalan 6/132, which keeps getting bigger, is causing anxiety among Gasing Indah residents.

The road, under the jurisdiction of Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL), is used by more than 100 vehicles daily.

Maxwell Tower residents Maria Vivienne Pereira, 56, and Ruth Netto, 64, said a neighbour spotted the cavity in August.

The matter was reported to DBKL.

“It was patched within the same month but the hole reappeared,” said Pereira.

Those living nearby have been warned to be extra careful when driving along the road, she said.

“Residents have also informed Alam Flora to use a different route during their daily garbage collection runs, as their heavily loaded trucks may cause further damage.

“Due to safety fears, some Maxwell Tower folk have taken to driving against traffic on another route but risk head-on collisions,” said Netto.

The hole on the only access road out of the area has been making Quwais Zakaria, 18, uneasy every time he has to make a delivery.

“I worry the whole road may cave in while our delivery motorcycles and vans are on it,” said



The sinkhole has narrowed the only access road leading out from the residential area.

Quwais who works at a courier company nearby.

He said the road repair crew had simply patched up the hole with cement and later, tar.

Ray Loke, who co-owns a car workshop in the area, has the same concerns.

He expressed disappointment over the shoddy repair work.

He claimed the problem had persisted for close to a year now. “Should the road cave in while a vehicle is passing by, it can cause serious injuries.

“Something should be done quickly before an accident happens,” said Loke, 38.

When contacted, DBKL said a contractor had been appointed on Oct 7 to investigate the cause of the sinkhole.

Excavation work began on Oct 9 and is expected to be com-

pleted on Oct 16.

The scope of work includes excavating the affected area, identifying and repairing the source of the sinkhole, followed by backfill and repaving of the road surface.

DBKL has asked for the cooperation of road users in the area to be careful and obey safety instructions during this period.

Separately, Indah Water Konsortium (IWK) in a press statement to *StarMetro* said it had dispatched a team with camera equipment to inspect the condition of the underground sewerage pipe in the area.

The pipe was found to be in good condition and no collapse was recorded nearby, the utility company stated.

IWK has also shared their findings with DBKL.



(From left) Pereira, Quwais and Netto at the sinkhole on Jalan 6/132 in Gasing Indah, Kuala Lumpur.